

Penrith Methodist Circuit

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 29th January 2023



Waiting for consolation

The last few years have been pretty dreadful for many. The Covid pandemic, the war in Ukraine, and the cost-of-living crisis are just three major things that have impacted people. A recent commentator has described what we are living through as a period of 'collective dismay'.

Last Sunday at PMC, we chatted about 'Hope' (and we will at other chapels over the next two weeks). And over the next 3 weeks at PMC, we will look at the stories in Luke 2 where Simeon, Anna, and Mary and Joseph find Jesus at the temple.



I think there is a link to these Epiphany stories, and the subject of hope.

Simeon and Anna were "waiting for consolation" (Luke 2:25). 'Consolation' means the comfort given or found when in a period of disappointment. Consolation is what meets us in when we feel powerless.

Perhaps you feel powerless right now – either because of the 'collective dismay' we all feel, or because of stuff in your own life that makes you anxious.

Both Simeon and Anna were older people running out of time. Would they ever see the salvation of God? Jesus' parents spent three days searching for him, they too would have been anxious. All of them were aware of their own sense of hopelessness.

And yet, it was at their lowest moments that Jesus showed up! *'My eyes have seen the salvation of God'*, Simeon would say. And God most often appears when we have no resources of our own to meet what's happening.

Here's the point. Whatever is going on in your life right now, God's promise is that there is always hope. God longs for you to know God's salvation – God's care, God's grace, God turning up and bringing hope for whatever burdens you right now.

Sometimes, we can't figure out what's happening to us or around us. But it is our powerlessness that makes room for God to work in our lives. When we feel we are at 'rock-bottom' God shows up as we wait on him.

So, may you find your hope in God as you search and wait for God to show up. As it says in Psalm 130: *'I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits...Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love.'*



Rev. Tim



Penrith Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Morgan Tebb-Roger

Readings: Luke 2:25-35

7pm ~ Encounter ~ PJ Summers & Morgan Tebb-Roger

St. Patrick's Church, Patterdale

10.30am ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Dave Milner

Skelton Methodist Church

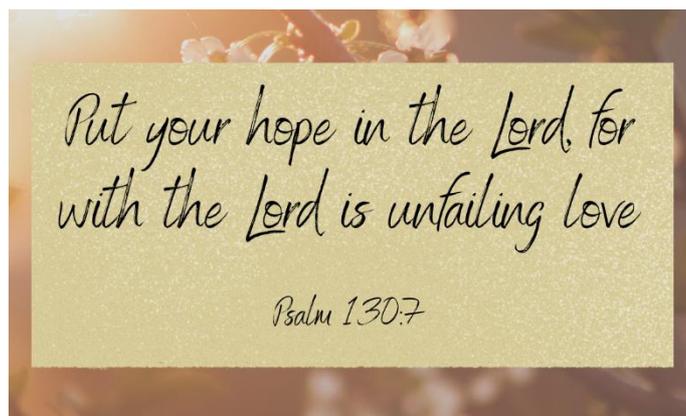
10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Dr. James Tebbutt

Stainton Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

Cottage Wood Centre

3pm ~ Early Evening Worship ~ Rev. Dave Milner



Weekly Diary

Monday 30th January

9.30am ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC

2pm ~ Bible Fellowship - Skelton Methodist Church

6.15pm ~ **NO** Choral Group

7.30pm ~ Monday Zoom Prayer

Tuesday 31st January

10.30am ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC

10am ~ Midweek Service ~ Mrs. Ruth Combellack – Church/PMC

7pm ~ Omega HG – Sunningdale, Stainton

7.30pm ~ Junior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

Wednesday 1st February

10am ~ 3C's – Cottage Wood Centre

10am ~ Coffee Morning - Skelton Methodist Church

1.30pm ~ Sewing Craft Group – Skelton Methodist Church

2.30pm ~ UBUNTU HG – *Contact Audrey Cannon 01768 866537 or Andrew Thorneley 01768 863022/07774 445 852 for further details*

7pm ~ Blencow HG – The Hollies, Blencow (*We meet twice monthly at 7pm on a Wednesday. Contact Steve on 07711 088448 for further details.*)

7pm – 8pm ~ Cottage Wood Monthly Prayer Time - *We are continuing to pray at home, and all are welcome to take part for any or all of the hour.*

Thursday 2nd February

1pm ~ Twinkly Tots – Ullswater/PMC

1.30pm ~ Prayer Meeting – Church/PMC

2pm ~ Parklands HG – 19 Parklands Crescent, Penrith

Friday 3rd February

10am - 2pm ~ Warm Spaces – Sandgate/PMC

12 noon ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC

7.30pm ~ Senior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

Sunday 5th February

Penrith: 10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ PJ Summers

Skelton: 10am ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

Stainton: 10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs. Lois Morton

Cottage Wood Centre: 3pm ~ Early Evening Worship ~ Mr Michael Boone

GUESS WHO TURNED UP AT THE TEMPLE!

PMC Epiphany series - 10:30am Sundays

Sunday 29th January - Simeon - Morgan Tebb-Roger

Sunday 5 February - Anna - PJ

Sunday 12 February - Jesus - Rev. Tim



SUPPER CLUB

Last November it was suggested that we might restart "Supper Club". Since then, an encouraging number who were previously involved have said that they would like to be part of Supper Club again. We have also been heartened by the interest and enthusiasm which others have shown together with a wish to join and participate.

We feel that the current level of support is sufficient to restart Supper Club.

It would however be good to welcome more You would have the opportunity to meet others in the church family and enjoy friendship and food.

If you haven't let us know already and would like to join in, or would like details of how Supper Club operates, then please get in touch before the end of January.

Telephone:- 01931 714110 email:- johngore214@btinternet.com

In early February, I will contact all people who have said that they would like to be involved and give more detailed information. Soon afterwards I will circulate the rotas.

Our provisional plan is for Supper Club to start in March and run for 3 or 4 months.

We would then have a break and, on some date to be arranged in the summer, we would all meet up for a social gathering.

Normal service would be resumed again in September, probably for 3 months.

John & Margaret (Gore)

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## Travel Mugs

Twinkly Tots are in need of some travel mugs with lids. If you have any old ones going spare, please leave them in the box in reception.



## Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who has left hats, wool, soft toys and other shoebox items in the Reception drop box. Please continue to knit teddies, glove puppets, mitts etc.

The communal packing morning this year will be on Saturday October 14th. Please also save medium - sized shoeboxes. I'm happy to receive them any time. Judith Joyce.



# Church Lunch

Sunday 5th February  
following 10.30am service  
we would love for you to join us!

Jacket Potatoes

Choice of fillings

Pudding

# Just Economics

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What should the goal of the economy be?

Why isn't our current system enabling people to flourish, especially as the cost of living crisis bites?

Could a change in approach help us solve the climate crisis?

What does our Christian faith have to say about the economy?

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We're going to engage with a six week small group course from the Joint Public Issues Team, opening up some of these questions and starting a conversation about how the economy might be re-shaped to enable the wellbeing of all people and the planet.

Meeting for 6 weeks on Wednesday evenings, starting on 22nd Feb, 7.30pm-9pm at 1 Lowther Terrace (just round the corner from PMC)

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For more information please speak to Chris & Sarah Hulme, or email via [sarahchrishulme@gmail.com](mailto:sarahchrishulme@gmail.com)



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ECONOMICS

## **Lost property**

Our lost property box in the glasshouse is beginning to get rather full!

If you've lost something or think you've left something behind after a service please take a look (grey box under the desk).

Anything which isn't claimed by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February will be donated to charity.



## Business Administrator for PERN

### Can you use your skills to advance justice and kindness?

Penrith and Eden Refugee Network (PERN) are seeking an experienced Business Administrator for six hours a week. £20 per hour freelance.

#### Includes

- Finance monitoring of budgets and grants
- Activity and impact reporting
- Volunteer management
- Responding to enquiries

For further information, to apply or arrange an informal chat contact [penrithandedenrefugeenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:penrithandedenrefugeenetwork@gmail.com). To apply please send a short CV and a paragraph about how you can help.

For more information about PERN see [www.penrithandedenrefugeenetwork.org](http://www.penrithandedenrefugeenetwork.org) and find us on social media.

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**Administrative Assistant: Maureen Brunskill**  
**Premises Manager: Lindsay Wilson**

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**Cottage Wood Centre - Please send a request to join our Facebook group.**

**PMC Website:** [www.penrithmethodist.co.uk](http://www.penrithmethodist.co.uk) **All services are on You Tube**

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